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INTRODUCING:

"THE BOWLING BOOSTER"



Michael Vaughn, one of our C.P. friends and an excellent bowler, is shown here checking out the Bowling Booster. Assisting him is First Baptist's Russell Bechtel, designer and builder of the ramp. See article on page 3.



Pastor's Paragraphs

"ON LEARNING TO SING"

Sometime ago I ran into a little fellow down at the church. He was crying his eyes out. The Children's Choirs were meeting



but he stood outside the choir room weeping. I took him aside and said, "Now look, little friend, it can't be this bad. What's your problem? Maybe I can help you." The tears continued to course down his cheeks and he said, "I just can't sing. I tried last week, but it sounded just awful. I'll never go back

to choir again . . ."

"Now wait a minute, Son. It's not that bad. This is the reason we have choirs, to teach people to sing. If you already knew how, there wouldn't be any point in coming in the first place. Now go on in there and I have a feeling that you're going to learn how to sing."

By this time he had stopped crying and would you believe he went back to choir and now he can sing just as well as anyone else in his age group.

I'm afraid some of us turn our backs on Christ and the church for the same reason. We're keenly aware of our sins and the temptation is just to quit trying — but this is exactly why Christ came, to help us. The people in the church are not perfect. We're in the church because we're aware of our imperfections, but we're still trying mighty hard to learn how to sing.

Sunday will be Brother Ebersold's last Sunday with us. We thank the good Lord for the ministry of this dedicated man of God. He has made a real impact on our congregation in the brief year he's been on our church staff.

You'll have an opportunity to hear Brother Bob preach in the services Sunday. There will be a reception in honor of the Ebersold family Sunday night and I know that you'll want to be in attendance.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.
"A LIVING FAITH"
(Mark 11:19-24)

7:15 P.M.
"LOST AX HEAD"
(II Kings 6:1-7)

Messages by Bro. Bob Ebersold

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Rds.	First Time Vts.	Rds.
1	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	23	1	0
2	M. Dickson			
	E. Dunson	28	3	1
3	R. Trigg			
	C. F. Wilson	26	3	1
4	W. Nell			
	R. Hornsby	30	2	2
5	B. Pope			
	A. Ford	23	1	0
6	T. Lutrick			
	S. Ebersold	22	2	2
7	M. Hennigan			
	L. Williams	28	0	0
8	T. Thornton			
	E. Ebersold	26	1	0
9	B. Bell	20	4	0
P.M.	Special	10	0	0
		236	17	6
Workers		57		

Total on Buses 293

Honor bus this week is Bus No. 4 with 30 riders and 2 first time riders.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mrs. George (Evon) Riva, Mr. John H. Brock, Mrs. Robert A. (Lavelle) Miller

Sacred Heart

Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Davis, Mr. James Drexler

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Dave Raley, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Mrs. Elbert C. (Nell) Gentry, Jr., Miss Lorene Coburger, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Ingram, Mr. K. S. Hudson, Mrs. Otto (Vivian) Giese, Mrs. Andy (Tina) Trammell, Terri Beck, Mrs. Clarence (Mattie Lou) Dannelly, Clyne Yarbrough, Mr. Clarence Dannelly.

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Elzie Chavers in the loss of her husband.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MASTER ROBERT EARL SHIRLEY
son of

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Shirley
born February 22, 1974

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

The offering for home missions is named for the first executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Annie Armstrong led in forming Woman's Missionary Union, in getting mission information to people so they would pray, participate, and financially support missions. Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering provides almost half of Southern Baptist support for home missions. Our goal this year is \$4,200.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. & Mrs. Barry Chambers



Mr. & Mrs. Ed Jensen
Also shown is Kelly

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. J. M. Pickens and are given by Dr. and Mrs. Conlee Pickens.

THE BOWLING BOOSTER

Several weeks ago a request came for a member of First Baptist Young People to assist the C.P. Clinic with their Saturday Bowling League. The youth responded by aligning the ramp, placing the ball on the ramp and cheering for their partner, a C.P. Friend.

At the first session it was apparent that the ramp used was very inadequate but was the best available and additional ramps were needed.

The problem was presented to Russell Bechtel, one of our newer members. He designed a mold, enlisted the cooperation of Mr. Earl Cox, a local boat manufacturer, and the result is a beautifully efficient, all fibre glass, bowling booster.

Three of the boosters are being presented to the C.P. Center as a ministry of First Baptist Church. A letter will go to every C.P. Center in the United States describing the booster and making it available at the cost of materials.

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP MARCH 2, 1974

BY LETTER:

63. Mary Ellen Deese, 2107 Langley Ave.
From: FBC, Auburn, Ala.
 64. Sam Ditta, 198 Romana St.
From: Community Bapt.,
Atlanta, Ga.
 65. Charles Griffin, 6455 Guilford Dr.
From: FBC, Brandon, Fl.
 66. Mrs. Charles Griffin (Peggie)
 67. Suzanne Griffin
 68. Glenn Lambert, 2905 N. 20th Ave.
From: McLean Bapt., McLean, Va.
 69. Mrs. Glenn Lambert (Frances)
- ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:
50. Jess Perkins, 208 Citrus St.

"THANK YOU"

I would like to take these few lines to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity of serving on the staff of this great church. This past year has been a real blessing to all my family. It has been a time of enrichment and a wonderful learning experience for me personally.

The people who have given so much time and effort to the bus ministry are to be commended. Without these faithful workers my work would have been impossible.

Words cannot express my feelings about the staff of this church. The highlight of my ministry, if not my life, has been the opportunity of working with James Pleitz.

There are many things I would like to say but I will sum it up with a big "Thank You".

Peace and love till He comes,
Bro. Bob

BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP MEETINGS

MARCH 12, 1974

- 10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETH EA with
Mrs. J. B. Livingston, 6101
Drexel Road.
- 10:00 A.M.—CHARLOTTE OWENS with
Mrs. A. S. Ford, 202 Hamp-
ton Dr.
- VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs.
G. R. McDonald, 2860 Black-
shear
- STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs.
Malcolm White, 3896 Winona
- Co-host: Mrs. J. A. Riddle
- LAURA FRANCES SNOW
with Mrs. Harold Ackman,
1505 East Strong
- DALE TERRY with Mrs.
T. J. Parda, 903 W. Moreno
- 2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with
Mrs. J. T. Warthen, 2800
Blackshear

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All material to be included in the Builder
should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1418
Main Sunday School	1399
Crippled Children's Home	19
The Church in Training	622
Christian Training Hour	231
Other Training Activities	391
Coming for Membership	8
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$ 8,809.17
Specials	1,307.44
TOTAL OFFERING	\$10,116.61

EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10

A—Mrs. Ray Wise
B—Mrs. Joe Saiter
C—Mrs. Robert Stone
1A—Mrs. T. R. Walker
1B—Miss Marilyn Merchant
2A—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Voigt
3A—Mrs. Ralph Moulder
3B—Mrs. Cameron Hughes
—Mrs. Mary Knight
4A—Mrs. Joel Enderson
—Miss Debbie Wilson
4B—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thorsen

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, March 10

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
New Members Class No. 2
- * 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill
Youth 6 Dept.
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship
- 8:15 P.M.—Reception for the Ebersolds

Monday, March 11

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group
- 7:30 P.M.—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

- * 10:00 A.M.—Mary Saunder's Bible Study—
Cellar
- 7:00 P.M.—Baptist Women (Night) Grp.
Bible Study—Sarah Andress,
3007 Blackshear

Wednesday, March 13

- * 5:15 P.M.—Choirs
- * 6:00 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:25 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 6:40 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and
Teachers Meeting, Mission
Friends, GA's, Acteens, RA's,
and Joy Group
—Bible Study and Prayer
—Visitation
- * 7:30 P.M.—Visitation
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

- * 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 9:30 A.M.—Faithful Workers Meeting &
Visitation
- 7:00 P.M.—Youth Bible Study —
Sanctuary

Friday, March 15

- * 6:30 P.M.—Adult I Progressive Dinner
begins in "The Cellar"

MENU

March 13, 1974

Roast Beef & Gravy
Baked Potato
Buttered Lima Beans
Roll & Butter
Dessert
Tea Coffee

